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Applicants

Paul Kudrna, et al.

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Michael T. Andersen

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2005, having a three-month shortened period of response set to expire by March 30, 2006. Applicant has submitted herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action, thereby extending the deadline to June 30, 2006.

Amendments of the Specification are reflected in pages 2-3 of this Reply.

Amendments of the Specification are reflected in page 3 of this Reply.

Amendments of the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Reply.